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SUBJECT: UN MISSION IN CYPRUS EFFECTIVELY COMBATS TIP AND
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

REF: A. SECSTATE 68780

[1](#)B. NICOSIA 00044

[1](#)1. (U) Per Ref A instructions, the below updates Ref B
January 2008 report.

[1](#)2. (U) Ms. Kyoko Shiotani, Chief Civil Affairs Officer for
the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), confirmed on
July 3 that Ms. Maria Wilkins, UNFICYP Civil Affairs Officer,
serves as UNFICYP's appointed "gender focal point," charged
with educating UN civilian and military personnel about
sexual harassment, exploitation and trafficking. UNFICYP
enforces the SYG's "no tolerance" policy, per circular #56,
with regard to local establishments that sponsor
prostitution. Shiotani stated that every new employee must
undergo a "rather extensive" and mandatory 1.5 hour
orientation session regarding trafficking and the code of
conduct (both personal and official) within the Mission. The
training incorporates a simulated case study, based on a
newspaper interview, of a woman trafficked at an existing
nightclub. In a conversation with PolOff on July 7, Wilkins
reported that she had conducted nine sexual exploitation and
abuse (SEA) training sessions for a total of 132 new UNFICYP
staff during the period of 01 July 2007 to 30 June 2008.
Wilkins credits the UNFICYP monitoring program and use of
administrative sanctions to help ensure that no TIP or SEA
infractions occur.

[1](#)3. (U) It is Post's assessment that the anti-TIP and SEA
training has been effective, since neither NGOs, the media,
nor the police have reported incidents of TIP/ SEA misconduct
by UNFICYP personnel during the reporting period. Rita
Superman, Director of the Cyprus Police Anti-TIP unit,
confirmed that she had not encountered any trafficking or SEA
cases involving UNFICYP personnel. Elena Pissaridou,
Director of Cyprus-based NGO Stigma, confirmed Superman's
statement. No incidents had been reported in the media.

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